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FROM : SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE

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1-157-1230 - [redacted]
1-157-1350 - [redacted]
1-157-556 - Possible Racial Violence Major Urban Areas
1-157-1564 - [redacted]
1-157-1277 - [redacted]
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Re 10/30/68 Black Student Association (BSA)
Meeting, Memphis State University

Re SDS Meeting 10/30/68, MSU

On 11/1/68 Lt. O. B. HOLCOMB, Intelligence Bureau, Memphis Police Department, furnished to SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE a copy of his Memphis PD Intelligence Bureau memo dated 10/31/68 entitled "Report from Agent [redacted] for 10/29/68 and 10/30/68"; also memo dated 11/1/68 captioned "Addendum to Agent [redacted] Report for October 30, 1968." He also furnished a copy of his memo dated 10/31/68 entitled "Report from Agent [redacted] for 10/30/68," all of which primarily relate to 10/30/68 Black Student Association, Memphis State University.

Xerox copies of these three memos are attached hereto.

Inspector G. P. Tines,
Intelligence Bureau

Lt. O. B. Holcomb,
Intelligence Bureau

October 31, 1968

Report from [redacted] for
10-30-68 and 10-30-68

10-21-68 Source advised that from 5:30 PM to 11 PM WILLIE WINE, EMMITT HOUSE, DONALD PIGFORD, ROBERT TAYLOR, MAURICE LEWIS, LOUIS WELCH, CHIQUITA SMITH, ROY TURKS and MAURICE KEYES, who is described as male Negro, 6', 170 lbs., dark complected, Afro haircut and large eyes, were in Clayborn Temple where they ran off approximately 300 copies of WILLIE WINE's pamphlet "Swing, Don't Sing." Source advised that Rev. HARRIS MIDDLEBROOK bought one of these pamphlets and HOUSE took about 100 of them to the Latham-Parkway area to try to sell them.

10-30-68 at 9:45 AM source advised that the same above mentioned people wereat ClaybornTemple with the exception of EMMITT HOUSE. They all left at 11 AM and went to Harlan House, Inc. on Main St. to see the manager, but he was out. Source does not know why they wanted to see him, but it was possibly to try to get him to buy an ad in the paper, The Black Liberator. They left there and went to the Auditorium where they heard Vice Presidential candidate Muskie make a talk, and arrived back at Clayborn Temple at approximately 2 PM.

At 3:30 PM they left there and went to Memphis State University to the Student Union Building, Rooms 303 B and C, where WILLIE WINE was scheduled to make a talk to the Black Students Alliance (BSA). WINE started his speech by introducing his staff, introducing DONALD PIGFORD first as his business manager, ROBERT TAYLOR, the minister of defense, CHIQUITA SMITH, secretary, ROY TURKS, public relations, MAURICE KEYES, minister of internal security, and LOUIS WELCH, co-chairman. WINE's speech was as follows:

"I want to tell you about the plight of the black people in this country. We have been oppressed by the white men ever since we came across the ocean. We still don't have any freedom. We are now living in slavery with a sugar coat put on by the white man. What we have got to do is rise up and revolt against this form of government that systematically denies us our freedom. We want people like LOEB to stay in office as long as he can. We want WALLACE as President, in fact, the black militants are going to vote for him because these kind of people are not going to do anything but cause the black people to revolt. They are going to bring us together rather than divide us. The white man can't say we are wrong because what we are practicing he said he did himself, and he was even stupid enough to put it into their history books you are using in school today. They arrest out black brothers and sisters every time they go to the liquor store and get a bottle. When you are living on a block with four liquor stores, what else can they do. The white men's law is always passed against the black people. Their law says no liquor store can be located within 1500 feet of a church in the city of Memphis. But go down to Trigg and Florida and you will find one located approximately 23 feet from a church. We have asked them to move it and we are going to ask them again to move it. Now, if the law doesn't want to abide by the law, all I can say is let it stand."

Source further reports that the union ordered all members to report to Clayborn Temple the night of 10-31-68 to mardh on Main St.

Inspector G. P. Tines,
Intelligence Bureau

Lt O. B. Holcomb,
Intelligence Bureau

Addendum to [redacted]
report for October 30, 1968.

November 1, 1968

Source advised that there were 70 to 80 people present at the BSA forum, Student Union Building, Rooms 303 B and C, and when WILLIE WINE finished his speech three or four people in the audience asked questions and as WINE has been speaking on the revolution, some one asked him how you plan to get arms from Russia. WINE answered him by saying that his statement and other wild statements he makes like that are just a big front to blow the people's minds. NOTE: WINE feels that he has police informants in his organization and he makes these wild statements in hopes that it will get back to the police and shake them up. He also told the audience that he is going to put DONALD PIGFORD and other members of his organization into the LOEB's Barbeque business, but this apparently was some more wild talk. There were other questions asked WINE that he evaded. Some of the BSA members seemed impressed by his talk, but there were at least three or four who didnot go along.

Source advised that at 6 PM WILLIE WINE, ROY TURKS, CHIQUITA SMITH, ROBERT TAYLOR, DONALD PIGFORD and JOHN SMITH got into a car and left and were observed to go down on Kansas St. and Florida St. south of Parkway and put up political posters on utility poles for Attorney WILLIAM INGRAM, who is runningfor the Senate on an Independent ticket. Source advised that the Invaders are not getting paid for this, but are doing it because INGRAM gives them free legal aid and furnishes all the paper and stencils that they are using in the BUF (Black United Front) office to put out racist propaganda. The Invaders were through with this project at approximately 8:30 PM, at which time they broke up and went home.

Source advised that it has been hinted around for a couple of weeks that the Black Power group was getting a list of names of police informants and on 10-30-68 the Invaders made the statement that a man who works for a cab company had given them a list of the names and descriptions of people working for the cab company who are policemen and police informants. Source advised that in the past they have noticed cabs from the Veterans Cab Company and Bluff City Cab Company following them around.

in here, if that is the way you feel." WINE and his crew then walked out, WINE saying he had to go get give a speech in Orange Mound and Handy Park to give a speech.

It is worthy of note that the BSA is now putting out their own newspaper and it is edited by a male Negro, (FNU) KENARD, who is a Junior at MSU, and a graduat of Hamilton High. This newspaper has articles in it by THOMAS POTTER, MARRELL McCULLOUGH and others. WINE left the BSA at about 6 PM to go to the Handy Theate in Orange Mound. The particulars on this meeting are known.

(RE 10-30-68 SDS MEETING)

At 7:30 PM 25 or 30 members of the SDS met on the grass in front of the Westminster House for the regularly scheduled meeting. After the meeting had begun, DICK MOON came by and unlocked the Westminster House and let them in. The main topic of their meeting was the meeting that was held at the Eastside Presbyterian church the night before where Mr. BLYTHE and Mr. TAYLOR of Harding Academy had made a talk on the SDS and played a tape from one of the SDS meetings They were very shook up about them having this tape recording and all during the meeting made references to talking to the door knob, talking to the helmet, and other references to indicate they thought that everything around them was bugged. They have an idea that this meeting had been recorded by a man that had attended it who had about a one day's growth of beard, a flat top haircut, carrying an attache case and sat by the window. They said that at the church meeting they were not permitted to speak and defend themselves.

MICHAEL HOLLIDAY got up and gave the report on the Student Government Association Committee (SGAC) and he said the SGA does not have any power now, but according to the Constitution, if the SDS, BSA and the Independents got together and elect a President, they could get something going. BSA decided to get a committee together to form a coalition withSDS." DAVID ACEY is supposed to get this committee together.

They then brought up the subject of the high school students being suspended from the Whitehaven school for giving the Peace sign and JIM GAYLORD said he had called the principal about it, but that was not enough for them to do. T then organized a committee to look into the situation in high schools and TED CARTER is to head it up. There were about six high school kids attended this SD meeting, three female whites and two male whites, and one of them was named JOH (LNU), 5'9", 135 lbs., wears glasses, clean cut, and wears his hair in bangs. H is believed to be a student at Central. These students were ins interested in forming organizations in Memphis high schools similar to the SDS.

The SDS members then discussed starting an underground newspaper and they decided that they would and CARTER would all put out the paper at his house on a crank-type mimeograph machine and MURIEL PATTERSON would cut the stencils. They then elected six people to an editorial board who are to review all the stories given to them to put into the paper and they will decide if these stories follo the SDS principles and if so, they would put it in the paper. TED CARTER has so literature at his home that he got from Southern Students Organizing Committee (SSOC), some it entitled "Student as a Nigger," "History of Dissent on Campus," "Draft Counseling," "Dissent in High Schools," and others. He is planning to reprint these on the mimeograph machines to be passed out.

CLIFFORD RILEY TAYLOR then informed them that a male white who was at the City Council meeting last Tuesday is from the National Students Association and the Ford Foundation is sponsoring him in this city to make a survey on racism. TAYLOR says he is wanting help on this and the BSA may be able to get some money from the Ford Foundation to help this male white work on this survey.

They then discussed what they were going to do on Election Day and several ideas were brought up, but they were just as quickly ruled out and finally they decided to only go to the Scripps Howard Building on Union and demonstrate. They discussed [redacted] books while they were there but they were scared that it would meet with unfavorable publicity, so apparently they are just to picket in front of the [redacted] building. They did not discuss what time they were going to meet there.

In all their prior meetings they have been discussing not doing anything until General Curtis Lemay comes down and then use all their energy in demonstrating against him, but any plans they would make on this line would have had to have been brought up at last night's meeting and Lemay coming to town Friday was not even mentioned.

The German Mauser rifle that Ted Carter owns, that was previously reported as being for sale, was sold to SUSAN MACDONALD 10-31-68. She gave him a check for it. SUSAN possibly wanted this gun because the Reading Academy has this tape that was reported in this report as having been played at Eastside Presbyterian Church and it mentions her name and they are also selling some anti-SDS literature for ten cents a copy that has her name in it.

Source advised that the Black Power Negro identified as CORN BREAD has been arrested and charged with Robbtuein A.C. NOTE; CORN BREAD was arrested on or about October 25 or 26 in Marks, Mississippi, on thatcharge.

On 11/3/68 DAVID A. COLLINS, Assistant to Dean of Students, Memphis State University, advised that the National Student Association (NSA) representative referred to by CLITTON RILEY TAYLOR is WILLIAM "BILL" SHAMBLIN, currently Executive Affairs Vice President of NSA. He is a graduate of the University of Alabama, 1967. He was NSA State Chairman for Alabama, 1966-1967 school year. He was an obstructionist, recalcitrant, and extremist who favored the Left Wing approach. He did his best to disrupt the more conservative Southern University Student Government Association (SUSGA).

Addendum Re 10/30/68 BSA Meeting

On 11/1/68 [redacted] orally advised SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE as follows:

He basically corroborated information previously furnished by PD informants [redacted] adding that the JOHN SMITH who accompanied WINE was described by WINE as Chairman of North Memphis District of Invaders. SMITH is new in the movement, not known to be any kin of one of the original Invaders, JOHN BURRELL SMITH. The new JOHN SMITH is in early 20's, 6 feet 1 inch, 200 pounds, has a big mustache, curling downward on ends. WINE introduced MARRELL McCOLLOUGH, male Negro, MSU student, as Invaders' "Minister of Transportation." CACHEATUH, aka Chiquita, SMITH, the new Invader secretary, is a 1967 graduate of Carver High School. She lives on Pennsylvania Avenue just south of Carver High School in the red brick apartment complex. She is 5'2", bright skinned, slim, 104 to 105 pounds, natural low Afro hair. She is very intelligent. ROY LEE TURKS was introduced as Minister of Information.

WINE bragged that Invaders have been putting "heat" on WILLIAM LOEB, operator, Loeb's Barbeques, who recently installed a Negro, CHARLES MONGER, as manager of one of his outlets. WINE said to watch, that LOEB will give the next branch to Invaders, who will operate it. He indicated DONALD PIGFORD, who is also an MSU student, might manage it as he is Invaders Business Manager.

WINE in his speech, in addition to information furnished by [redacted] said it would be necessary for black militants to shoot police. He claimed he had 15 degrees in theology, has "big shot" friends throughout the world such as CORKY GONZALES in Mexico, the Nigerian Ambassador, who would send him reinforcements any time he asked.

During the question and answer session which followed, the BSA people, all MSU students, ridiculed WINE, whose real name is LANCE WATSON. Asking incisive questions were:

CHARLES ERIC JONES
DAVID ACEY
THOMAS POTTER

They asked such questions as:

"How can you supply enough guns for blacks to kill all whites as you propose?"

"How can you conceivably hope to exterminate 170 million white Americans?"

WINE had no real answers but bragged he could get guns from Red China, Cuba, and Russia; that he had already met with representatives of Red China who had agreed to help him.

TED CARTER was with WINE. WINE bragged that one of his lieutenants, ROY LEE TURKS, had recently written a vicious letter to U. S. Marine Corps, that WINE had "put TURKS up to doing this." His purpose was to cause the military to fear him as a security risk and be afraid to take him into the service.

WINE said American education was not needed by blacks. "We'll take care of education when we take over."

On 10/29/68 BSA issued its paper, "Black Thesis," which informant will mail. EDWINA HARRELL was absent. She has been sick, may have to have an operation. KENNETH ROBINSON and RUBY TURNER were there. A total of about 60 to 65 were there.

MELVIN SMITH, Invader, commented that JOHNNIE FRIERSON, a radical Invader, is now attending MSU.

WINE said he was recently arrested in Marks, Mississippi, while setting up "security" for Rev. RALPH ABERNATHY, SCLC president.

RECOMMENDATION: [redacted]